

Dear Parent,

On behalf of our school district, I would like to wish you and your family a most prosperous and safe New Year! As we near the close of our first semester on January 15, 2021, I would like to encourage you to seek out any needed support that we provide in our schools to help your child experience the greatest success this school year. We are here to help!

In addition to all of the adjustments the district has made in response to the pandemic, we are trying to provide additional supportive measures, such as Hybrid Fridays, to assist virtual and on-site students. Each school has also implemented its own additional interventions to provide support to students during this pandemic. We have placed a great deal of emphasis on health and safety measures this year; however, we are also focused on students' academic progress. Each and every student needs to be prepared for the next step in his/her educational journey.

This school year, the Lonoke Public School District has offered the virtual learning option to all students, as needed. We continue to rely on your judgment as the parent to choose the best learning option for your child during the pandemic. Virtual learning, however, poses significant challenges to learning and is not effective for every child. If you have noticed a decline in your child's academic performance, his/her interest in learning, and/or his/her engagement in learning activities, please contact your child's principal or counselor immediately. If your child is a virtual student, you might consider transitioning him/her to onsite learning prior to the end of the first semester.

Please know that we are here for you and your child and will do our very best to ensure that he/she has an exceptional educational experience!

Please call on me if I may be of assistance.

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